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SUBJECT: MINFIN CAUAS SAYS PARIS DEBT NEGOTIATOPMSMAY NOT BE

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1. IN JANUARY 13 PRESS CONFERENCE, MINFIN JORGE CAUAS ANNOUNCED THAT, AT PRESENT COPPER PRICES, GOC IS NOT CONTEMPLATING 1976 PARIS CLUB RESCHEDULING OF PUBLIC AND PUBLICLY GUARANTEED DEBTS. CAUAS SAID THAT CHILE IS PAYING ITS 1976 DEBT OBLIGATIONS, WHICH AMOUNT TO 730 MILLION DOLLARS AND EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO MEET THESE COMMITMENTS AT THE PRESENT PRICE OF COPPER. ACCORDING TO EL MERCURIO, CAUASSSAID THAT DECISION NOT TO NEGOTIATE GOC DEBTS WOULD BE CHANGED ONLY IN THE CASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF A SERIOUS DECLINE IN COPPER PRICES OR SHARP INCREASES IN

THE PRICES OF CHILEAN IMPORTS.

2. COMMENT: EMBOFF CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORT WITH CAUAS' OFFICE. CAUAS HAD EARLIER INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT FINAL DECISION ON RESCHEDULING WOULD DEPEND ON RESULTS OF UPCOMING IMF CONSULTATIONS. ATTENTION WHICH CAUAS IS DRAWING TO CHILEAN DETERMINATION AND RELATIVE SUCCESS IN MEETING ITS INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS MAY REFLECT EFFORT TO DEFLECT PUBLIC OPINION FROM RELATIVE LACK OF SUCCESS IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST INFLATION (REFTEL). AIRGRAM FOLLOWS CONTAINING EXAMPLES OF MOUNTING CRITICISMS, IN TURN REFLECTING POPULAR RECOGNITION OF ROCKY ROAD AHEAD IN 1976.

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